

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Replacement Figure 8.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-8 are all the claims pending in the application.

Status of Previous Objections and Rejections

The previous objections to claims 1, 4 and 5 are withdrawn on the basis of entered amendments. In addition, the previous rejection of claims 1, 3-5 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite is withdrawn in view of the Applicant's amendment to claim 1.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the reference characters 26, 27, 28 and 29 in Fig. 8, but these characters are not mentioned in the specification. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d), or amendment to the specification to add the reference character(s) in the description in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b) is required.

Applicants have amended Fig. 8 to delete reference characters 28 and 29. Fig. 8 is not directly related to the gist of the present invention and their omission does not diminish the necessary teachings under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicants also have amended the specification on page 32, lines 17 to 21 to refer to characters 26 and 27. No new matter is added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 and 3-8 are allowed. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of these claims.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

/Alan J. Kasper/

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC
Telephone: (202) 293-7060
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

Alan J. Kasper
Registration No. 25,426

WASHINGTON OFFICE

23373

CUSTOMER NUMBER

Date: February 4, 2009